found under the influence of liquor while on duty.

Priority to Backward Areas for setting up of Navodaya Schools

2136. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether educationally backward districts would be given preference in the setting up of the Navodaya Schools;

(b) whether the regional languages would be given due importance in the syllabus of the Navodaya Schools; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Under the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme, it is proposed to establish one Navodaya Vidyalaya in every district of the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan. Navodaya Vidyalayas are being opened on the basis of availability of suitable land/building in the district concerned.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Delhi-Amritsar Rail Line

2137. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that because of a single track in some part of the railway line between Delhi and Amritsar there is problem of bottleneck of transportation;

(b) whether Government propose to construct double track on the entire route between Delhi and Amritsar; and

(c) if so, when the same is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) This will depend on the availability of resources in the coming years.

Electric Train between Delhi and Amritsar

2138. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has repeatedly urged the Central Government to start an electric train between Amritsar and Delhi to push up the movement of foodgrains and other goods;

(b) if so, what action Central Government have taken thereon; and

(c) by when the electric train between Amritsar and Delhi is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Such a train cannot be introduced as the section is not electrified to run electric trains.

National Highway No. 1

2139. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the traffic on national highway No. 1 (Delhi to Amritsar) and highway No. 1-A (Jallandhar to Pathankot) is very heavy and a large number of accidents take place every day;

(b) whether it is a fact that the National Highway Nos. 1 and 1-A are single carriage highways;